

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in this application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-6 (Previously Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) A protective undergarment, comprising:

an outer layer of fluid-resistant material shaped to conform to a buttock and leg region of a user;

an anchor layer ~~secured~~ stitched to the outer layer and having a shape conforming to that of the outer layer; and

~~an inner layer a sling layer~~ of fluid-resistant material, with four sides thereof, ~~stitched the sling layer being directly detachably coupled to the anchor layer but not to the outer layer, the stitched four sides thereof sling layer~~ being displaced inwardly from corresponding sides toward a center of the anchor layer and inwardly from stitches between the anchor layer and the outer layer, and the inner layer at all four sides thereof the sling layer extending from the anchor layer on the inner side of the undergarment when the undergarment is worn, to form a pocket facing inwardly away from the anchor layer; ;

wherein the ~~pocket~~ sling layer is attached to and detachable from the anchor layer by a releasable fastener.

8. (Currently Amended) A The protective undergarment as in claim 7, wherein the releasable fastener comprises a filamentary or snap fastener.

Claims 9-16 (Previously Canceled).

17. (Newly Presented) The protective undergarment of claim 8 wherein cooperable releasable fasteners are located on both the sling layer and the anchor layer.
18. (Newly Presented) The protective undergarment of claim 17 wherein the releasable fastener on the anchor layer is located only adjacent opposite ends of the sling layer.
19. (Newly Presented) The protective undergarment of claim 17 wherein the releasable fastener on the anchor layer is located between opposite ends of the sling layer